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# PDK Participates in SAREX

## Preparation for Air Force Evaluation in September

Chamblee GA –

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, the Squadron participated in a Group Five Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) in preparation for an Air Force evaluation in September.

Forty CAP members from several local squadrons participated in the exercise simulating two separate search and rescue scenarios. The PDK Squadron meeting area served as a mission base.

In addition to Mission Aircrew and Ground Team members, the exercise had a well staffed mission base to include: Incident Commander, Flight and Ground Directors, Communications, Operations, Safety, Administration, Mission Information and Flight Line personnel.

Comments from the Incident Commander, Lt. Col. Paul Branson,



**1LT Andrea Van Buren reviews the mission status board**

"I want to say THANKS to the PDK Senior Squadron for allowing me to participate in your SAREX on Saturday. My overall take was that it was a very productive event. There were forty (40) members who signed in for this exercise. Everyone in attendance gave something to it.

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# OPSEC Training Requirements

## Training must be complete by September 1st

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS –

All CAP senior members are now required to take an operations security training course, an initiative that will serve to expand the organization's homeland security role, CAP National Commander Gen. Antonio Pineda announced recently.

The operations security training, a course offered online, will teach members how to handle sensitive information related to missions, capabilities and partner agencies.

Starting Oct. 1, this training will become part of the new Level 1 training course.

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## Commander's Corner

Our August SAREX absolutely validated the slogan on our patch, "READY TO ROLL."

Approximately 40 members of our squadron signed-in for duty in a variety of areas. Mission base, flight crews, flight line and ground crews were organized and worked efficiently. Paige Joyner and Keith Dickerson handled PAO duties with a reporter from Esquire Magazine and Chaplain Howell "ministered" to three recruited "family members".

We launched four sorties by approximately 1030 local, and dispatched two ground teams to two different crash sites. We covered an area from North Lake Lanier to South of Covington. We trained and signed off members in communications, flight line organization and safety, mission scanner and observer, and several positions in mission base operations. We had the opportunity to fly a GPS point to point grid search that LTC Branson, the IC, feels will improve our SAR searches if utilized in the future. This may be implemented throughout the Wing.

From a personal standpoint, I had the opportunity to sit back and observe the mission base function, and I was very impressed with the efficiency, professionalism and focus of our members throughout the day. Everyone who participated added to the overall success of the day. We functioned as a unit with a purpose - a casual observer would have had no idea that we are all volunteers. Many people worked very hard to pull this together, but the "buck" generally stops with one person, and I want to congratulate and thank our Operations Officer, Roy Villers, for pulling everything together. His

attention to detail and flexibility when planned things didn't happen is a major reason the exercise came off so well. Thanks Roy.

One other observation - Our "third Tuesday" ES unfunded training exercises are one of the reasons we performed so well during the day. For most of us this was just another training gig - we are definitely ready to back up our goal of being the "Go To" squadron in North and Central Georgia. My congratulations to you all.

Maj Charlie Cayce, CAP  
GA-130 Squadron Commander

## Aerospace Education

The program for August 22nd was Ms Trish LaValle from Great Georgia Insurance. Her program was Insurance for Pilots and Aircraft Owners and included an overview of risks and coverage for aircraft owners and pilots of rental or borrowed aircraft. She had some new slants on what is at risk and how pilots can be certain of insuring against those risks

Our September 26th program will be Kerwin Day. The program will include his first hand experience of using the ballistics chute on a Cyrus SR22 when he inadvertently got iced up one afternoon in Alabama and spun in his ice-laden over grossed aircraft. The program will also include a Cyrus Powerpoint about ballistic chute systems and what first responders should know about the explosive charges that propel the chute to open. This is a must hear for ground team members and we should invite other squadrons that are active with ground teams to attend.

Maj Bill Bell, CAP  
GA-130 Aerospace Education

## Personnel

SLS is coming up again on October 28 & 29. It will be held at Dobbins. It's the basic course that goes over everything from procedures at Wing to uniform wear. You have to attend one before you can complete Level II and be promoted to captain. Remember, if came in at a higher grade due to military service/ratings, etc. you must complete the lower level requirements before you can be promoted any higher.

They only hold two of these seminars a year and the next one will be somewhere in the southern part of the state. If you can swing it, it would be great to go ahead and get it out of the way.

The deadline for sending in your Form 17 (registration form basically) is October 13th, but I would highly recommend doing it way before then. If you fill your information out, Charlie and I will sign it, and I will fax it in for you.

You must also be enrolled in a specialty track before you go. If you are not, please let me know.

1LT Andrea Van Buren, CAP  
Personnel Officer GA-130

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I know some of your members put in a lot of hard work to make it happen: Roy Villers and Eric Slocum come to mind immediately because they are the two that I spoke with before the exercise. Pamela Skaff did an excellent job with Flight Line Duties in what is often a hot (often cold) and thankless job, Thanks Pamela. I know there were others. Charles Cayce flew a special sortie to check out an improved search pattern which worked out well and I think it holds some real promise for improving our mission success.

I was especially pleased to see the large number of members present and ready to go when I arrived at 0710. Having the first sorties launch only minutes off their scheduled 0830 departure times was a real plus. That was the best performance I have observed at any SAREX in a long time!"

### **Editors note: The Air Force Evaluation Exercise is scheduled for September 9th**

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This new program will allow us to validate to our partner agencies that the members we entrust with sensitive information have the necessary training and have agreed to protect that information, said Pineda.

I've reviewed the program, and I think you and your members will find it both entertaining and informative. It will help all of us be more thoughtful about dealing with sensitive information.

Members can access the course by first enrolling in <https://ntc.cap.af.mil/login.htm> The initial screen on the secure Web site will prompt users to answer identity-verification questions.

Once enrolled on this page members may complete the course which takes approximately 20 minutes at <https://tests.cap.af.mil/opsec>.

The training will conclude with a nondisclosure agreement, which verifies that a member agrees to protect sensitive information. Each member's agreement will be recorded electronically in their membership records, and will be required before a member can access sensitive information or participate in certain missions. In the near future, commanders, mission managers and communications officers will be able to verify online which members have the agreement in their records before members are granted access to sensitive information.

## Emergency Services Missions

One of goals for 2006 was the expectation of becoming the "go-to" Squadron for Emergency Services response. Our training, focus and commitment to be called upon has resulted in several ELT searches and the high-profile Scott Crossfield mission.

Some comments from our Squadron members:

My proud congratulations to everyone who participated in last night's training exercise turned-into-mission(s). The seamless transition was impressive. The professionalism I saw from all elements of the mission base tells me we are becoming very good at what we are training for. Our reputation for effective response is being noticed around the North Georgia environment. This will beget more opportunities for mission involvement - and that's what we are in CAP for. As someone viewing from the sidelines let me tell you - you are good !!!

06M-1316 with Lt. Col Cleary as PIC, Brad Choate as Observer and I was Scanner on the ELT search over Dobbins which turned out to be a carrier. This was working with the AF staff and they were very nice and good to work with. I had a great overhead view of the base. This was a training day which turned out to be a real mission.

Participated in an ELT search, AFRCC, Friday 5 August based on hits north and south of the city. The weather prohibited us from taking off. Did round-up two ground crews. 1 from Toccoa who checked out a Gainesville "hit" and the other from Dekalb Cadet (Ray and Maggie Minton) and Joanne Janchus at PDK. Andy Simpson was Scanner and Brian Starr Mission Pilot. Eric Slocum helped with Communications. Major Howington, was IC

You can see from these comments that we have grown in our capabilities', performance and visibility within the Georgia Wing.

I have begun to compile a log of mission numbers at the request of Maj Villers. If you could please let me know what missions you have participated in, dates and your role, it would be greatly appreciated.

### Partial List of Missions thru August

06M568  
06M19090  
06M0674  
06M1316 (Dobbins Carrier)  
06M616 (Crossfield)  
06M0838 (McCollum ELT)

2LT Keith Dickerson, CAP  
GA-130 PAO

# Promotions and Awards



**1LT Andrea Van Buren receiving her promotion from Maj Cayce and Maj Villers**



**1LT Andy Simpson receiving his promotion from 1LT Crone and 1LT Slocum**



**CAPT Terry Sehr receiving his promotion from Maj Cayce**



**1LT Joanne Janchus receiving Level II (with Yeager Proficiency) and Level III**



**Majors Bell and Herring receiving their service awards**



**2LT Keith Dickerson, 2LT Pamela Skaff and 1LT Joanne Janchus receiving SAR "Find" Award from Maj Cayce**



## SERVICE AWARDS

**Bill Bell - 3rd bronze clasp - 15 yrs**

**Rick & Rick Herring - 2<sup>nd</sup> bronze clasp - 10 yrs**

**Eric Slocum - 1st bronze clasp - 5yrs**



**SM Lesley Romans receiving her ROA from Maj Cayce**



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## Promotions and Awards (cont.)

Technician Rating – ES  
1LT Jim Crone

Ground Team  
2LT Brad Choate

If you have received an award or promotion and have not been recognized in the newsletter, please email the specifics to [keith.dickerson@us.schneider-electric.com](mailto:keith.dickerson@us.schneider-electric.com)

## Activities and Photos



### PDK Neighbor Day



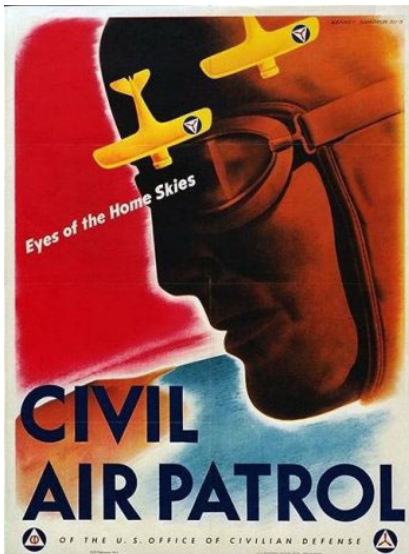
Maj Diane Herring, SM Evan the Papastathis , and 1LT Andrea Van Buren went over to Fulton Co. Airport on Saturday, August 12, and worked with Women in Aviation, Gone with the Wind Chapter, to help local girl scouts get their Aviation Badge.

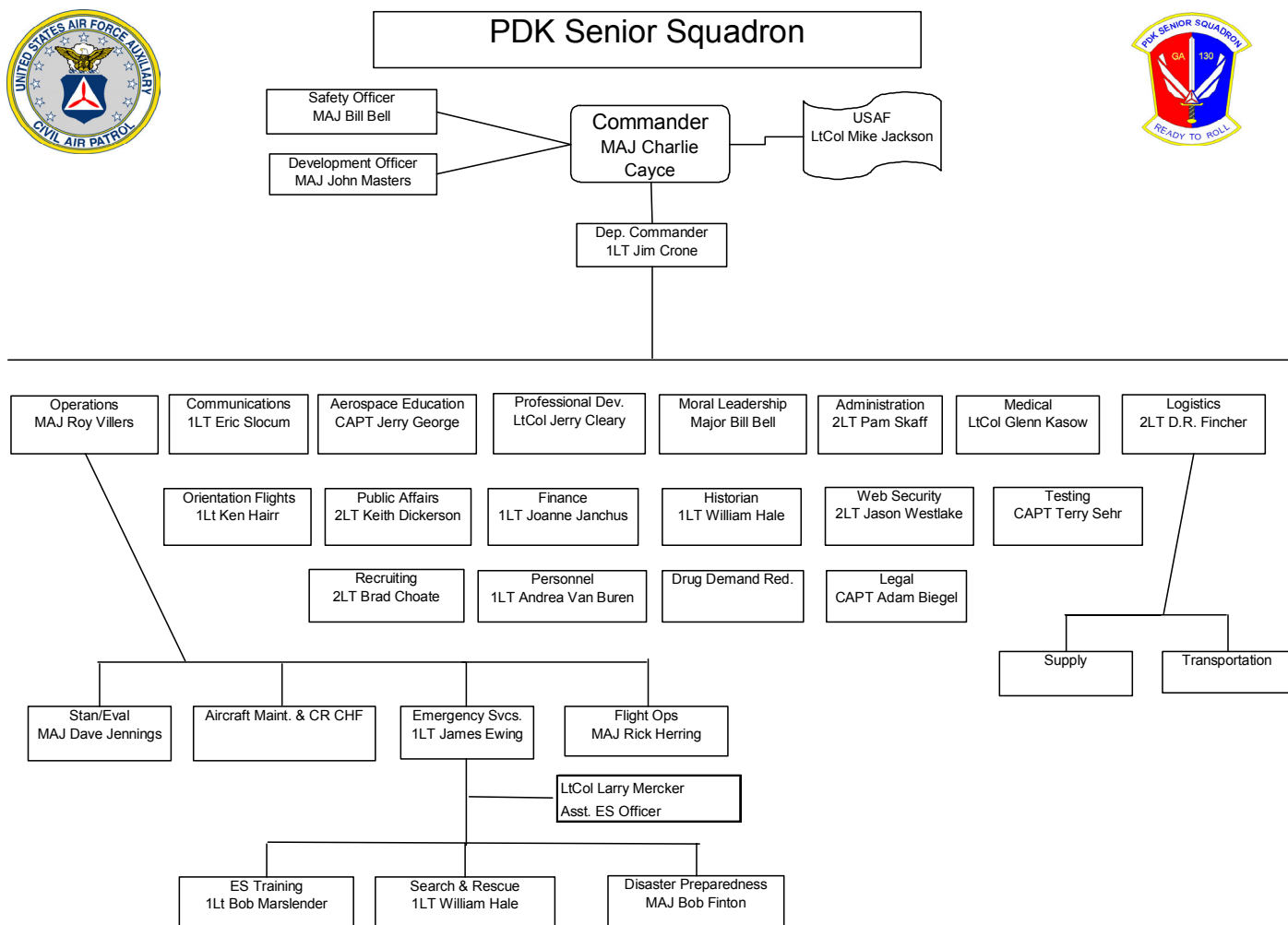


### Photos from the August Group 5 SAREX

## PDK Training and Meeting Schedule

<b>Sep</b> <b>TBD</b> 4-Sep <b>9 – Sep</b>	GAWG SLS, CLS and UCC Staff Officer Meeting <b>Wing Guided SAREX</b>	GAWG Crone <b>Ewing/Villers</b>
<b>12-Sep</b> 19-Sep 26-Sep	<b>Picture &amp; Recognition Night</b> Summer Air/Ground Ops AE Education	<b>Van Buren/Crone</b> Ewing/Villers George/Bell
<b>Oct</b> 3-Oct <b>10-Oct</b> 17-Oct 24-Oct <b>31-Oct</b>	Staff Officer Meeting <b>CAP MIMS and eServices</b> ES Training AE Education <b>Halloween No ES Training</b>	Crone <b>Crone/Lozano</b> Ewing/Villers George/Bell
<b>Nov</b> 7-Nov <b>11-Nov</b> <b>14-Nov</b> 21-Nov 28-Nov	Staff Officer Meeting <b>CPR - First Aid</b> <b>UDF &amp; Mission Training</b> AE Education ES Training	Crone <b>Ewing</b> Ewing/Villers/Hale George/Bell Ewing/Villers
<b>Dec</b> 5-Dec <b>12-Dec</b> <b>19-Dec</b> 26-Dec	Staff Officer Meeting <b>PDK Holiday Party</b> <b>UDF &amp; Mission Training</b> No Meeting	Crone <b>Cayce/Crone</b> Ewing/Villers/Hale





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**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR UNIT SUPPORTERS!**



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**Marsh and McConnell, PC**